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WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended March 17, 1950)

SAN FRANCISCO, March 14----Newtown apples remain the Best Buy in fruits.

Tagged as Good Buys this week are Imperial Valley grapefruit, Winter Nelis pears, and tangerines.

Lemons are a Fair Buy at slightly lower prices.

Among the vegetables cauliflower and spinach rate as Best Buys.

Included in this week's Good Buy class are broccoli, cabbage, carrots, and dry onions.

Asparagus and celery are Fair Buys.

Meat --

Meat has been in slow demand in the San Francisco wholesale market the past week. Although veal, calf, and lightweight lamb have been exceedingly scarce, prices have held unchanged on those classes. Cow beef has also been in very light supply, with the result that prices have advanced $2.00 per hundredweight on Canner and Utility grades. Most of the steer beef offered has been of top-Commercial and Good grades. Mid-western pork has been offered freely, and prices have dropped $4.00 per hundredweight on loins, $1.00 on fresh hams, and $2.00 per hundredweight on picnics and spareribs.

Butter --

Generous supplies of butter in the San Francisco wholesale market have dropped in price. Grades A&AA(1st Quality) are quoted 2 to 4 cents lower to retailers at 65-1/2 to 66 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints, and Grade B(2nd Quality) is quoted 2 cents lower at 65 to 66 cents. Demand is only moderate, while production continues well above last year at this time.

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Eggs --

Egg receipts are around 25 percent larger than a year ago, with top grades especially plentiful. Although demand has been somewhat slower this past week, prices have held unchanged. Quotations to retailers are: Grade "A" Large, 42 to 43 cents per dozen in cartons; Grade "A" Medium, 40 to 41 cents; and Grade "A" Small, 32 to 34 cents.

Poultry --

Although dressed poultry has been in rather slow demand, prices have advanced on young chickens, because supplies of these classes have been short of meeting needs. Broilers are 1-cent per pound higher than a week ago; small fryers are up 1 to 2 cents; large fryers are 2 to 3 cents higher; and roasters have advanced 3 cents per pound. With supplies of hens fully ample for demand, prices have dropped 1-cent per pound on lightweight Leghorns.

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